

# Old Bastards Vintage Motorcycle Club (OBVMC)

## AGM

Minutes May 1, 2022

**Attendance:** 36 members in attendance

Called to order at 1010 by Lincoln Pearce-President with opening remarks.

Everyone was thanked for attending this meeting, it's been two years since we had anything formal.

Before we go into it, we have lost a lot of important people to this club, and I ask that a 30 second silence was held It has been a difficult year with many fellow biker brothers passing. Today we remember: Wayne Blanchard, Roger Cook, Terry Dixon (Benji) Donnie Flinn, Ben Stalder and Leon Roy. These are a huge loss to all and personal loss to me.

- We are going to organize a ride in Benji's honour, it was the last thing that he requested, he wanted one last ride in his memory. We will do this on a separate day from his funeral. Ride will be from Perth to Brockville. This was one of his favourite rides, stopping at the Fish and Chip shop getting two orders, eating one and taking one home for his wife. He asked me to carry his ashes with me. His plans for his ashes according to Bill Barber was to have his ashes mixed with black paint and have this dabbed on our bikes so he can ride with us forever. This event will be posted on FB with details closer to the date. Proceeds to the Heart and Stroke Foundation. His wife is doing well with financial support
- Next w/e, no firm details, Tim Lancaster coming home from hospital for a visit. Cheryl wondered if a ride by could occur. Gather at the mall in Smiths Falls and do a ride by. All are invited to attend
- Dale Orr (Squatch) has chosen to retire as VP. He was applauded for his time in this position. We will be looking for an interim VP, if no one is available we will move forward without for the time being

Minutes of last AGM, June 22, 2019, were read by Marj Milne-Secretary

Motion to accept minutes, seconded by Barrie Pascoe.

Membership report read by David:

461 members, 309 subscribed to email, if not getting email let Dave know. He uses mail chimp to send out and this might end up in junk email so watch for that. Since 2019 we have had 49 new members. 9 this year so far.

He tracks how they find out about us, other members, social media, website, events held, saw someone with the patch and was interested in it.

Lincoln noted that if we thought that 2019 had been a difficult year, we had no idea what the next 2 ½ years would be. It's been pretty rough, but he wanted to note that, during this time, nobody has done more for this club than the fellow responsible for FB, Email, Website. He has been on top of things, communicating with him almost daily and so helpful getting his and Sherri's life back in order. He has taken some abuse and that is not going to happen anymore. He's doing an excellent job. The FB page has been set as private, that was not the work of Ray or the exec, this was a FB rule change. Without a plaque to give, Ray Pilon is this year's receiver of the President's Award. Great applause for him at this time

Ray Pilon-Things are running really smoothly, over 2100 people on the FB page with a lot of movement on this page. He tries to keep it looking different, encourages the posting of stuff that is us. Recently we have discussed coming up with a mileage award, other clubs do this. We looked at as commemorating Benj, he rode 18,000 miles last year. Felt that this could include other members who have passed and be known as the Fallen Members Award. There is no money involved, take a picture of your odometer, email it to Ray, there will be an award given at the Christmas party hopefully that will be held this year.

The webpage is looking good, if you haven't checked it out lately do so, pictures are posted, we look good. We are light years ahead of other clubs with both FB and our Webpage

Treasurer's report by Sherri Pearce- Treasurer -copy of report attached

\$5,732 raised this past year even through Covid.

Expenses, operating, regalia etc. \$2,214

With hold back of \$3500 present balance for donations, \$1364.48 which really isn't bad with a Covid year and limited opportunities for making money.

Membership patch cost raised to \$100 due to cost of patch increasing

If anyone requests a copy of the treasurer report Sherri will email it to you

Charities brought forward for split, 8 nominations have come from members

1. Smiths Fall Food Bank – Ray Pilon
2. Jackie Dixon (Benji's wife) – Andy Hammond
3. Arnprior Hospital – Jeff Molson
4. Carleton Place Hospital – Jeff Molson
5. Hospice Cornwall – Don Bowman
6. Brockville Women's Shelter- Ernie Olivo
7. Lyndhurst Feral Cat Project – Doug Griffith
8. Big Brothers/Big Sisters in memory of Terry Dixon and Don Flinn

Discussion was held regarding decreasing the number of charity recipients which would give a more substantial amount to those in receipt of a donation. The membership was asked what their choice would be. Ray Pilon made a motion, carried by Doug Griffith to limit the number of charities this year to 5.

Food bank was removed- presently have enough money for operating, \$600,000 in their account according to Bill Peterson

Jackie Dixon was removed- financially in good shape, she doesn't want anything from the club. The fish and chip shop will be putting up a donation jar with Heart and Stroke in Benjis honour.

Sherri then divided it by 6 and we could donate \$250, this was agreed to by the membership

Some discussion/clarification of the Feral Cat project and how much work this lady is doing on her own dime

Cheques will be written this week for the 6 recipients, and these will be mailed out

Constitution review: Membership fees- Annual fee \$20, new member, \$20 which gives them a \$15 patch. The question is whether to consider increasing the membership fee annually or the new member fee.

Discussion regarding this occurred. At 75 years you receive lifetime membership with no dues required. Motion by Ray Pilon for \$20 for new membership with \$20 for the patch. Seconded by Sherri. Carried

Large Patch-. Ernie feels that the large patch should be a privilege that is earned. He also noted that this is our 20-year anniversary. He would like to see those who are active participants in the club having a patch, two years of membership with participation in the club. Discussion was held regarding changing the period to purchase a large patch.

Motion by Ernie, seconded by Sherri, ability to purchase a large patch after 2 years of membership or with significant contribution to the club at the discretion of the president. Carried

Article 3.3 Responsibilities and Privileges – proposal to amend this article. Motion by Ernie, seconded by Ray

Following discussion, it was decided that a member is able to run for Executive office after 2 years in the club and able to vote after 1 year in the club

Vote on this amendment -Carried with one abstention

Lincoln was asked about a mascot for the club which is indeed Fast Eddie-to be discussed later

Article 3.4 – article read at this time. The article has two groups together and should be separated, deals with both Exec and members in the same article. Lincoln notes that over the past two years there have been issues that have come to light that at this point appear to be remedied. Going forward we need to ensure that we are all represented well, and all are treated fairly and with respect.

The article will be further reviewed by the Executive and brought forward to the AGM next year.

Sherri spoke to this, it goes back to last year, we do this on a volunteer basis, issues that occurred affected she and her family and she was prepared to walk away. It was noncompliance with the executive, and this shouldn't happen to her or anyone. The membership showed support at this time and hoped that she had support. Lincoln feels we have come past this at this time. Marj noted that we do need to hold each other accountable when something does occur and take that time to say, just a second, no.

Lincoln reiterated that the article will be reviewed but that it did need to be brought up at this time. Jeff Molson agreed that the Executive and all members deserve to be treated with respect

New Business:

- Doug Griffith -discussion regarding wearing patches and being safe on the road. We have a responsibility to represent our club well, particularly when we are wearing the OBVMC patch
- Nomination for Ray Pilon as VP, by Ralph Thompson, seconded by Ernie Olivo. He will consider this, no decision made at the present time
- Doug Griffiths asked if members were attending Fri 13<sup>th</sup> in Port Dover, some discussion on who would be riding down, some individual bikes and some trailers will be traveling it appears
- Barrie Pascoe invited OBVMC to Carleton Place Legion May 29 for bkft. Details will be on the FB page
- Breakfasts will restart in Delta, run by them. First one will be June 12<sup>th</sup> and ongoing these will return to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month
- Ernie mentioned the CVMG Paris Rally, Father's Day w/e, if you haven't attended you should it is a wonderful rally
- Crystal spoke as a guest from Kingston regarding Kingston Bike Night. These fund three different children's charities. The first one will

be May 19<sup>th</sup> and these are held every Thursday rain or shine. She will share information on our FB page

-Christian asked regarding back up support for Sherri following her distress this past year. She indicated that the problem was with a minimal number of members and with the support of the Exec team all was put into perspective. It has been resolved and he was thanked for his support

Riding events coming up this year, Benji's Ride, Tim's Ride, Destination Rides to Winchester for their bike nights this summer, discussion of a butter tart ride and the Long Sault Parkway ride

The OBVMC Rally will be held barring any unforeseen issues, Sept 9-11. People are reminded to look at booking sites early. The band is booked.

A picture of the group was taken at the front of the building at the end of the meeting

Meeting adjourned at 1146

## **2022 Executive:**

- Lincoln Pearce- President
- Ernie- Former President-Founder
- Ralph Thompson – Former President -Director
- Sherri Pearce –Treasurer
- Marj Milne – Secretary
- Ray Pilon – Media -Director
- David Johnston – Membership Director
- Sarah Courage/Tony Dring – Regalia
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